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In re the Reissue Application of

Osamu TANITSU et al.

Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 09/326,214

Examiner: A. MATHEWS

Filed: June 3, 1999

Docket No.: 103512.99

For: ILLUMINATION OPTICAL APPARATUS AND SCANNING EXPOSURE
APPARATUS

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) AND
CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE**

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Sir:

The Assignee, Nikon Corporation, of U.S. Patent No. 5,636,003 (granted June 3, 1997) states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent identified above by virtue of an Assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark office on March 1, 1995 at Reel 7385, Frames 0692-694. The Assignee hereby consents to this reissue application.

The undersigned hereby confirms that he has authority to act on behalf of the Assignee.

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Sir:

As requested by Examiner Mathews during a July 28, 2006 telephone conference,
Applicants hereby submit an executed Statement under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) for U.S. Patent
No. 5,636,003, which is the patent corresponding to the above-identified reissue application.

The Patent Office is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the
telephone number listed below if anything further is desired by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executed Statement under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

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Examiner: A. MATHEWS**Facsimile:** (571) 273-8300**From:** Mario A. Costantino**Prepared By:** ccs**Number of Pages Sent (Including cover sheet):** 3

<p style="text-align: center;">Comments:</p> <p>Attached is Submission of Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) for the above-identified application.</p> <p>The following paper is attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Submission of Statement under 37 CFR 3.73 (1 page)b. Executed Statement under 37 CFR 3.73 (1 page) <p>The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. <u>15-0461</u> for any fees associated with this response.</p>
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